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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH UMT DEPSEC GEN

MOHAMED ABDERRAZAK EXPRESSED VIEW RECENT MOROCCANIZATION DECREES ARE TOO MUCH TOO LATE. ABDERRAZAK BELIEVES MOST EUROPEAN SMALL BUSINESSMEN WILL LEAVE MOROCCO IN NEXT TWO YEARS AND THAT MANY OF THEIR BUSINESSES WILL CLOSE. THIS, HE SAYS, WILL BRING ABOUT A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF JOBS FOR MOROCCANS AND AN UNFORTUNATE LOSS OF EUROPEAN SKILLS FOR THE COUNTRY.

2. ABDERRAZAK WHO USUALLY WELL- INFORMED, SAID DECREES MAY SOON BE MODIFIED IN ORDER TREAT SMALL BUSINESSMEN MORE EQUITABLY. THIS, HOWEVER, MUST BE DONE SOON TO HAVE DESIRED EFFECT, SINCE MANY EUROPEANS WILL SOON LEAVE FOR VACATIONS DURING WHICH THEY WILL MAKE PLANS REESTABLISH THEMSELVES

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IN EUROPE.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NEARLY ALL MOROCCANS BELIEVE THAT MEASURES PERMITTING MOROCCO CONTROL ITS OWN ECONOMY LONG OVERDUE, OUR UNFT/ UMT CONTACTS ARE NEARLY UNANIMOUS IN BELIEF THAT ENFORCEMENT MOROCCANIZATION DECREES AS NOW PUBLISHED WILL RESULT IN DISASTROUS EXODUS EUROPEAN SMALL BUSINESSMEN. NELSON

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